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# VISION AND GOALS FOR 2014

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# Vision

- ▣ Continue to Provide Exceptional Technical Support and Laboratory Services
- ▣ Develop and Refine Test Methods to Advance the Science of Protecting Public Health and Meet the Needs of the Regulator and Regulated Community
- ▣ Proactively Move from Qualitative Test Methods to Quantitative Methods
- ▣ Energize International Efforts Towards Adoption of the OECD Harmonized Test Methods
- ▣ Ensure Transparency in our Processes (Workshops, Standard Operating Procedures, Guidance etc.)

# Overview

- ▣ Antimicrobial Testing Program
- ▣ Method Development
- ▣ Collaboration
- ▣ Outreach, Guidance and Training



# Antimicrobial Testing Program

- ▣ Continue to provide high quality data
- ▣ Serve as reference laboratories
- ▣ Maintain and update methods and SOPs
- ▣ Maintain GLP quality
- ▣ Engage and work with stakeholders as necessary to resolve issues
- ▣ Work closely with Agency partners (AD, OECA, Regions)
- ▣ Refine and adjust methods



# Method Development and Collaboration

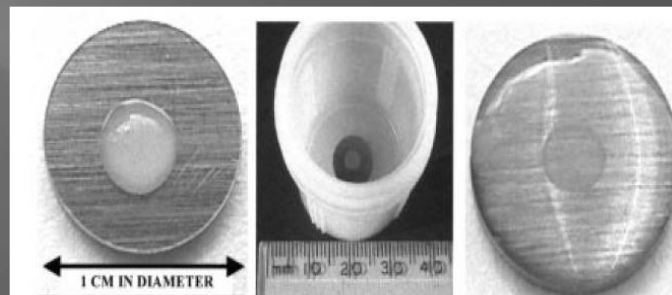
- ▣ Lead Efforts on New Methods
- ▣ Work with Stakeholders to Facilitate Collaborative Studies
- ▣ Work with Standard Setting Organizations
- ▣ Work with Statisticians to Employ Most Contemporary Statistical Approaches to Data Analysis
- ▣ Publish Findings in Technical Journals





# OECD Method Implementation

- ▣ Partner with AD, federal agencies, and industry Stakeholders on EPA's Implementation
- ▣ Partner with OECD Technical Steering Committee in an Effort to Seek International Harmonization
- ▣ Complete Work on Mycobacterium and Viruses
- ▣ Assist Industry with the Fungicidal Aspect of the Method
- ▣ Focus on Reference Standards and Proficiency



# Outreach, Guidance, and Training

- ▣ Conduct Workshops and Training Sessions
- ▣ Maintain Accurate and Updated SOPs
- ▣ Provide Input on Testing Criteria and Guidance
- ▣ Demonstrate Feasibility and Performance of New Methods
- ▣ Partner with AD on Novel Protocol Reviews

